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1. In early January 1953, elements of Ministry for National Forces (Mdl/A) including the Political Main Administration headed by Major General Rudolf Doelling and headquarters of the Kasernierte Volkspolizei (KVP) moved from Berlin-Adlershof to Glinka Strasse in Berlin-Mitte. Other sections of the Mdl/A were expected to move to Behren Strasse in early February 1953. The Mdl/A utilized Installation (M) on Schnellerstrasse, Installation (G) on Glinka Strasse, Installation (A) in Berlin-Adlershof, and Installation (B) on Behren Strasse.1
2. Administrative agencies remaining in the Berlin-Adlershof installation after the move of the above mentioned offices included those for cadres, artillery supply, AAA and technical schools in addition to liaison officers of the air force and the navy.2
3. About 15 January 1953, Major General Heitsch, who was responsible for the entire supply of equipment in his capacity as head of the procurement office for clothing and equipment, was released of his assignment allegedly because of disagreements with Minister Willi Stoph, on the insufficient supply of clothing to the National Forces. He was replaced by the former chief of the Finance Department of the Mdl/A, Major General Walter Allenstein, whose post was filled by his previous first deputy, Colonel Kurt Reinhold. Hans Greinert was chief of the Central Personnel Department and Major Grunau (fnw), the former VP-Kreisamtsleiter (Director of the VP District Office) of Rochlitz/Saxony, was chief of the security service at the installation on Schneller Strasse. After early January 1953, all officers of the Mdl/A received Russian lessons, mainly on military technical terms.

Comments:

1. The installation at 59-60 Behren-Strasse was purchased in July 1952 for the Mdl/A, which was being organized at that time. It is still undetermined which elements of the ministry are located there.

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2. The entire HVKP (formerly HVA), which controls all KVP units, previously occupied the Adlershof installation on Rudower Chaussee. The present report indicates that the majority of the offices of the HKVP have moved to other installations. This measure may have resulted from administrative necessities such as the housing of specific departments in one building in order to ensure close cooperation during the activation of the National Forces. The fusion of several departments is also possible.

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